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SUBJECT: APPELLATE COURT HEARING BISHOP CHI

1. BISHOP JAMES S. RAUSCH, GENERAL SECRETARY OF NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS (THE 300 US CATHOLIC BISHOPS) RECENTLY MET WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL TO CONVEY DEPTH OF CONCERN AMERICAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OVER VIOLATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS KOREA MOST VIVIDLY SYMBOLIZED FOR THEM BY DETENTION, TRIAL AND SENTENCING BISHOP CHI UNDER SINCE-SUSPENDED EMERGENCY MEASURES. THE CHURCH ASKS THAT THE USG DO MORE ABOUT THE SITUATION. DEPUTY SECRETARY RENEWED EXPRESSIONS OF DEPT CONCERN AND APPRAISAL OF HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION EARLIER CONVEYED TO HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

2. WITH CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR AID TO KOREA JEOPARDIZED, IMPORTANCE OF VITAL CONSIDERATIONS
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INTERNATIONAL SECURITY INVOLVED ARGUES STRONGLY FOR

APPROPRIATE MEANS (A) HELP DISSUADE ROK FROM FURTHER
MARTYRING CHI AND (B) SHOW ALL CONCERNED, INCLUDING
CONGRESS AND CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES US AND KOREA THAT USG
NOT UNCONCERNED SUCH MATTERS. AS STEP THIS DIRECTION
BELIEVE EMB SHOULD SEEK ATTEND APPELLATE COURT HEARING.
EMB SHOULD, IN ITS DISCRETION, UNLESS IT ALREADY KNOWS
HEARING OPEN, MAKE APPROPRIATE INQUIRY OF ROK MAKING
CLEAR ITS WISH ATTEND HEARING AND THAT BASIS OF INTEREST

IS USG NORMAL REPORTING ROUTINES AND KEEN INTEREST USG
AND VERY IMPORTANT SECTORS US PUBLIC IN IMPORTANT HUMAN
RIGHTS QUESTIONS.

3. SHOULD ROK SIMPLY SAY HEARING CLOSED, NO ONE MAY
ATTEND, EMB SHOULD NOT PUSH MATTER FURTHER AT THIS TIME.
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